

EDINBURGH & LEITH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Founded 1878



CONSTITUTION

And

RULES and REGULATIONS of COMPETITIONS

3rd March 2011

COMPETITIONS and MATCHES

1. The Association shall be entitled to the use of the greens of the constituent clubs for all competitions and matches.
2. The Association shall have power to make a levy on the constituent clubs for all expenses connected with such matches.
3. All players must be members of the club for which they play in the competitions and matches.

FOURS, TRIPLES, PAIRS and SINGLE HANDED COMPETITIONS General Rules and Regulations

1. The respective Association trophies shall be played for annually and the competitions shall be open to all constituent clubs.
2. The clubs whose players win the respective competitions shall be entitled to the custody for a year of the trophies played for. The President of these clubs shall be the custodiers of the trophies won and shall be personally responsible for them.
3. All games shall be played under the rules adopted by the Scottish Bowling Association. The format of the game played in each competition shall be as follows;
 - In FOURS games each player will play 2 bowls over 17 ends.
 - In SENIOR FOURS games each player will play 2 bowls over 15 ends.
 - In TRIPLES games each player will play 3 bowls over 15 ends.
 - In SENIOR TRIPLES games each player will play 3 bowls over 15 ends.
 - In PAIRS games each player will play 4 bowls over 17 ends.
 - In SENIOR PAIRS games each player will play 4 bowls over 15 ends.

Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie in the above games an extra end will be played to decide the winners.

In SINGLE-HANDED games each player will play 4 bowls to 21 shots.

4. All Senior games will be played on Fridays, commencing at 2.00pm with the final ties being played on the green of the President's club subject to that green being considered playable, on the Friday preceding the other Association competition finals.
5. All ties in progressive knock-out competitions must be played on neutral greens, with the exception of the semi-finals and finals which will be played on the greens of the clubs of the Junior-Vice President, Vice-President and President respectively, subject to those greens being considered playable.
6. No player may play for more than one club in any one year.
7. The club on whose green a competition or tie is to be played shall appoint a suitable person who shall be versed in rules of the game to act as umpire, except for semi-final and final ties when an official S.B.A. umpire shall be appointed.

8. Substitution shall be as follows;-
 - 1 Substitution for Senior Single-Handed only.
 - 2 Substitutions for Pairs.
 - 3 Substitutions for Triples.
 - 4 Substitutions for Fours.

ONLY when a substitution is necessitated by family bereavement shall the player for whom substitution has been made, be allowed to play in subsequent ties. In other cases the substitute shall continue throughout the competition, unless he himself is subsequently substituted. Substitutes shall be allowed to play in any position.

9. When a game is stopped, either by mutual agreement or by the umpire after appeal to him on account of darkness or conditions of the weather or any other valid reason, it shall be resumed with the scores as they were when the game stopped. An end commenced but not completed, shall be declared null. If in a resumed game any one of the players is unable to play, ONE substitute only shall be allowed and he shall be permitted to play in any position other than Skip.

10. The Committee of Management shall decide on all disputes which may occur in connection with any of the competitions and its decision shall be binding on all parties. No protest or appeal shall be entertained by the Committee unless due notice is given to the Secretary of the Association within 24 hours of the occurrence of the dispute, except that no protest or appeal can be entertained after the trophy competed for is presented.

ASSOCIATION 1st XVI, REID 2nd XVI and SHARP TROPHIES **Special Rules and Regulations**

1. The names of the competing clubs must be intimated to the Secretary of the Association not later than 1st April. The name of the Skip of each four must be intimated to the Secretary not later than the second Wednesday in May.
2. Each club entering the competitions shall subscribe a sum to be fixed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Clubs entering for all three competitions shall be bound to compete with eight fours.
4. The competitions for all three trophies shall take place on the First Monday in July. In the event of it being impossible on account of the weather to complete ties on the date fixed then they shall be resumed or played on the second Monday in July. Participating clubs must keep these dates free.
5. The Committee of Management shall ballot for the greens to be played upon and for the fours that are to oppose each other, the draw being such that no 1st XVI four shall play against A 2nd XVI four.
The combined draw constitutes the John Sharp Trophy.
6. If any Skip should be unable to play a substitute may be appointed but in no case shall a Skip, drawn to play as such, be allowed to play in any other position.
7. In the event of any four failing to turn up to play, their opponents will be awarded the following;-

(a)	In Association 1 st XVI Competition	-	5 shots
(b)	In Reid 2 nd XVI Competition	-	5 shots
(c)	In Sharp Trophy Competition	-	2 points and 5 shots
8. Immediately after a game is completed the score sheet must be sent to the Secretary of the Association.
9. The winner of the Association Trophy shall be the club whose four fours of its 1st XVI score the highest number of shots up.
10. The winner of the Reid Trophy shall be the club whose four fours of its 2nd XVI score the highest number Of shots up

11. The winner of the Sharp Trophy shall be the club whose combined eight fours score the highest number of points. (2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie).
12. In the event of a tie in either the Association or Reid Trophies between two or more clubs, the four fours of each of these clubs shall play off on a day or days and on a greens appointed by the Committee of Management on the same basis of scoring.
13. In the event of a tie for the John Sharp Trophy between two or more clubs, the club with the highest number of shots in its favour shall be declared the winner. In the event of this resulting in a tie a play-off of the clubs concerned will be arranged.
14. A Plaque shall be presented to the club winning the Association Trophy.
15. A Plaque shall be presented to the club winning the Reid Trophy.
16. A Plaque shall be presented to the club winning the Sharp Trophy.

**KING GEORGE V CORONATION FOURS, DAVID KYLES TRIPLES
KING GEORGE VI CORONATION PAIRS, DONALD McDOUGALL SENIOR FOURS
GLASS SENIOR TRIPLES, KEMP SENIOR PAIRS and TURNBULL – MOIR SENIOR
SINGLES TROPHIES COMPETITIONS**

Special Rules and Regulations

1. The name of all competing clubs must be intimated to the Secretary of the Association not later than 1st April.
2. The Trophies shall be played for on the "knock-out" system by one four, one triple, one pair and one singles player from each of the constituent clubs entering the competitions. (see Rules on Substitutions).
3. Each club entering the competitions shall subscribe such sums as may be fixed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
4. In all fours ties full fours of four players must play. (see Rule on Substitution).
5. Ties must be played off on the greens and on the dates fixed by the Committee of Management. In the event of a green being unplayable, the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played prior to the next round.
6. If any competitor fails to appear within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie then he or his team shall forfeit the tie.
7. Immediately after a game is completed the score cards, duly signed, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association.
8. The members of the four, triple, pair and singles winning the final ties will each be presented with a badge and prize. Each runner-up will also be presented with a prize.
9. Players who participate in the senior competitions shall be allowed to play in the Coronation competitions and the Kyles Triples.

TAIT TROPHY SINGLES COMPETITION

Special Rules and Regulations

- 1.** The name of all competing clubs must be intimated to the Secretary of the Association not later than 30th June.
- 2.** Each competing club must be represented by the champion for the current year. Any player taking part in more than one club championship in any one year will be debarred from entering the competition for that year.
- 3.** Each club entering the competition shall subscribe such sum as may be fixed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.** The competition shall take place within the first three weeks in August. The ties must be played off on the greens and on the dates fixed by the Committee of Management. In the event of a green being unplayable the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played on the following evening.
- 5.** Should any competitor fail to appear within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie he shall forfeit the tie.
- 6.** Immediately after the game is completed the score card, signed by both players, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association.
- 7.** A badge and prize will be presented to the winner of the final tie and a prize will also be presented to the runner-up.

JAMES S. FLEMING JUNIOR SINGLES TROPHY COMPETITION

Special Rules and Regulations

- 1.** Competitors must be between 16 years of age on 1st May, and 25 on the 1st September, both dates inclusive, in the year of the competition.
- 2.** Names of competitors must be intimated to the Secretary of the Association not later than 1st April.
- 3.** The competition shall be played during May and June, and the final tie shall coincide with the other competition evening finals played in June.
- 4.** Ties must be played off on the greens and on the dates fixed by the Committee of Management. In the event of a green being unplayable, the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played prior to the next round.
- 5.** If any competitor fails to appear within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie he shall forfeit the tie.
- 6.** Any competitor failing to appear and without giving prior notice to The Secretary of the Association and the opposing Club will be ineligible to participate in the following year's competition
- 7.** A badge and prize will be presented to the winner of the final tie and a prize will be presented to the runner-up.

D. P. HENDERSON (PREMIER TWENTY) TROPHY COMPETITION

Special Rules and Regulations

1. The competition shall be held annually on the first Sunday in September. In the event of it being impossible on account of the weather to compete ties on the date fixed then they shall be resumed or played on the following Sunday.
2. Clubs to enter ONE team of twenty members made up of two singles, two pairs, two triples and two fours, one of each shall play at home and the other away.
3. Draws for each category to be made separately.
4. To decide the result of the competition, two points to be awarded for each game won and one point for a drawn game. If clubs are equal on points, shots up overall will decide and if still equal, shots up in the singles to count and, if unable to get a result from the singles, then pairs, triples and fours to be taken in that order, until a result is reached. Failure at this stage to get a result, clubs` singles players to play off on a neutral green (on a date fixed by the Committee). Shots up total to decide in the event of a draw.
5. In the event of a player failing to appear in singles, pairs, or triples, the non-defaulting club to be awarded two points and 5 shots. Failure of a player to appear for a fours game, the lead and the second player to play three bowls each and the other player two bowls and they shall lose one-quarter of their score. Failure of a four to appear, the non-defaulting club to be awarded two points and 5 shots.
6. The home club to appoint an umpire and a competent marker for the singles match.
7. The umpire of the home club shall examine all bowls. He shall collect score cards, those of his own club and the visitors. He must ensure that score cards have been properly filled in, that scores agree and that cards have been signed and that these scores are transferred to the Score Sheet provided and sent off to the Association Secretary immediately after the game has been completed.
8. The players of the club winning the trophy will each be presented with a trophy that will be retained for twelve months

THE IAN MCFARLANE (TOP 5) TROPHY COMPETITION SPECIAL RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The names of all competing clubs must be intimated to the Secretary of the Association not later than 1st April.
2. Five singles players shall play for the Trophy on the "Knockout" system from each of the constituent clubs entering the competition.
In each tie, the winning club shall be that which wins the majority of the five single-handed games. Each club shall have complete discretion in nominating their players in any tie.
3. Each club entering the competition shall subscribe such sum as may be fixed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Ties will be arranged by mutual agreement between Authorised members of the clubs concerned and must be played off on the greens and by the dates fixed by the Committee of Management.
All five games in any tie must be played at the same time.
The tie must be played by the last date of the round and must also be arranged to commence no later than 6.30pm
In the event of a green being unplayable, the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played prior to the next round..

5. If less than five players represent any club within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie, that club shall forfeit the tie.
Failure to comply with the aforesaid rules and regulations will result in both clubs forfeiting the tie.
6. The club on whose green a tie is to be played shall appoint an umpire and five competent markers.
7. Immediately after the game is completed, the score cards, duly signed, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- i. The name of the Association shall be "THE EDINBURGH AND LEITH BOWLING ASSOCIATION".
- ii. The objects of the Association shall be to foster and promote the practice of the sport of Bowls within the district.
- iii. The Association shall be open to all bowling clubs having private greens in Edinburgh, Leith and District.
- iv. Application by a club for admission to the Association shall be made to the Secretary by 31st December in any year, and shall be accompanied by the entrance fee fixed at the Annual General Meeting immediately prior to the application and which shall be exclusive of any subscription for the year. Said application shall be considered at the first Annual General Meeting thereafter, which shall, at its discretion, grant or refuse same.
- v. Each constituent club shall appoint two representatives to attend any general meeting of the Association. Each representative will be entitled to vote. Only club representatives shall be entitled to attend with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, the Auditors and Past Presidents of the Association. Nominations for Committee should be submitted, in writing, to the Association Secretary not later than 31st December each year.
- vi. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Thursday of March, the Agenda of Business and Abstract of Accounts shall be forwarded to secretaries of the constituent clubs not later than 31st January. From among the nominees of the constituent clubs there shall be elected a President, a Vice-President and a Junior Vice-President. At the same time there shall also be elected six other representatives, one of whom will be the retiring President and they, along with said office-bearers, shall form the Committee of Management of the Association. There shall also be elected a Secretary and Treasurer who must be members, but not necessarily representatives of a constituent club. If the Secretary and Treasurer are not representative of their clubs they shall have no vote at any meeting of the Association. Should they be representatives of their clubs when elected Secretary and Treasurer they shall have no vote at any meeting of any committee of the Association, but will be entitled to vote in their capacity as representatives of their clubs in any General Meeting of the Association. No club shall have more than one representative on the Committee. Two Auditors shall also be appointed at such meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall decide the amount of the subscription for the ensuing year. Such subscription and competitions entry fees shall be payable on or before the 1st April following said meeting. In the event of any club failing to pay the subscription within the time stated, such club shall forfeit all the rights and privileges of membership so long as its subscription remains unpaid.

- viii. A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be called if a requisition signed on behalf five constituent clubs is addressed to the Secretary requesting this to be done. Such requisition must state the nature of the business and the resolution(s) to be proposed, which shall be included in the Notice calling such Meeting. A Special General Meeting may be convened when, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, necessity arises. Such Meeting shall be called by the Secretary with similar notice. No business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.
- ix. The President, whom failing, the Vice-President, whom failing, any other Member of Committee, shall be Chairman at all meetings and committee meetings of the Association. The Chairman shall have a deliberative and a casting vote. Fifteen representatives shall form quorum at all General Meetings and five at all meetings of the Committee of Management.

x. The Committee of Management shall have full power to transact the whole business and affairs of the Association including all arrangements for the various competitions and matches. Any vacancy occurring on the Committee during the year may be filled by the Committee but only for the remaining part of that year. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees with special powers for such duties and for such times as it may deem necessary.

xi. The Association may sue or be sued in the names of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary for the time being as representing the Association.

xii. The Secretary shall keep a record of the business transacted at all General and Committee Meetings, and the Treasurer shall keep an account of his receipts and disbursements. All monies belonging to the Association shall be paid into a bank account in the name of the Association, to be operated upon by the President and Treasurer.

xiii. The Secretary shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a report on the business of the Association for the year then closed, also, the Treasurer shall submit, previously audited, his Financial Statement, at which date the financial year of the Association shall end.

xiv. Any club may withdraw from the Association on giving written notice to the Secretary before the 31 December in any year and such club shall thereby forfeit all right and interest in the trophies and in the funds of the Association and shall be thereafter in the same position as if they had never been a member of the Association.

xv. The Association shall exist so long as at least two clubs continue to carry out the objects of the Association and in the event of all clubs except one having withdrawn from the Association, or refusing to carry out its objects, the trophies shall become the property of the club willing to carry out the same.

xvi. No alteration shall be made to the Constitution and Rules of the Association or to the Rules and Regulations of the Competitions of the Association unless at the Annual General Meeting. Alterations may be proposed by any constituent club or by the Committee of Management. Notice of such alteration must be given to the Secretary by 31st December and such notice shall be sent to each club with the circular calling the meeting.